

pressure control device 80 assigned to control the control valves 74, 75 cooperate to constitute an assisting device 81 for boosting a drive force to be applied to the pressurizing piston 34 of the master cylinder 10. It will also be understood that the pressure increase control valve 74 and the pressure reduction control valve 75 constitute a major portion of a solenoid-operated pressure control valve device 82 of the assisting device 81.

Please replace the paragraph running from page 101 to 103 with the following:

It will be understood from the foregoing description of the first embodiment of the invention that a portion of the pressure control device 80 assigned to control the pressure increase and pressure reduction control valves 74, 75 constitutes a major portion of a control valve control device for controlling the control valves 74, 75. The solenoid-operated shut-off valve 108 and a portion of the pressure control device 80 assigned to open the shut-off valve 108 constitute an emergency fluid communicating device for effecting fluid communication between the pressurizing chamber 32 and the assisting pressure chamber 100 in the even of an abnormality of the assisting device 81. Since the fluid pressurizing characteristic of the master cylinder 12 is controlled by adjusting the operating stroke S with the stroke adjusting device 128, the stroke adjusting device 128 may be considered to be one form of master cylinder characteristic control device for controlling the fluid pressurizing characteristic of the master cylinder 12. Since the fluid pressurizing characteristic of the master cylinder 12 can also be controlled by controlling the assisting drive force produced by the assisting device 81, the assisting device 81 including the assisting drive force control device 109 may be considered to be another form of master cylinder characteristic control device. While the assisting device 81 and the stroke adjusting device 128 together may be considered to be the master cylinder characteristic control device, each of these two devices 81, 128 may also be considered to be the master cylinder characteristic control device, since either the device 81 or the device 128 alone can change the fluid pressurizing characteristic of the master cylinder 12. It will further be understood that the stroke adjusting cylinder 64 which has the volume control chamber 118 and the portion of the pressure control device 80 assigned to control the fluid pressure in the chamber 118 constitute a master cylinder fluid amount control device for controlling the amount of fluid in the master cylinder 12 to adjust the operating stroke S of the brake pedal 10. The shut-off valve 62 and the portion of the pressure control device 80 assigned to close

A2 the shut-off valve 62 constitute an emergency master cylinder disconnecting device for disconnecting the variable-volume chamber 116 and the master cylinder 12 from each other in the even of an abnormality in the assisting drive force control device 109.

Please replace the paragraph running from page 109-110 with the following:

A3 A hydraulically operated braking system according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention will be described with reference to Fig. 15, wherein the master cylinder 12 incorporates an assisting cylinder within a single cylinder housing. This arrangement has the advantage of a reduced number of parts in the braking system. Described in detail, the master cylinder 12 has a pressurizing piston 220 and a piston rod 221 which is fixed to the piston 220 and connected to the brake pedal 10. The piston 220 cooperates with the cylinder housing to define a pressurizing chamber 222 on the side of the piston 220 remote from the piston rod 221, and with an assisting pressure chamber 224 on the other side of the piston 220. The assisting pressure chamber 224 is connected to the accumulator 72 through the pressure increase control valve 74, as in the first embodiment of Fig. 1. An increase of the fluid pressure in the assisting pressure chamber 224 will cause an increase in the force acting on the pressurizing piston 220. Reference numeral 225 denotes a stop which determines a fully retracted position of the pressurizing piston 220.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 2.

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1. (Once Amended) A hydraulically operated braking system comprising:
- a brake operating member operable by an operator;
  - a master cylinder including a pressurizing piston operatively connected to said brake operating member and partially defining a pressurizing chamber, said pressurizing piston being moved by said brake operating member to pressurize a fluid in said pressurizing chamber;
  - a brake cylinder actuated by the pressurized fluid received from said master cylinder;
  - a sensing device for detecting at least one of a brake operating condition